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**Re: Environmental Commission Petition 2006-15, Clarification of Certain
Fee Categories for Mining Facility Permits:**

Dear Ms. Corp:

Enclosed for "drafting" by the LCB Legal Division is a proposed permanent regulation that amends NAC 445A.232. This regulation provides clarification in the description for several fee categories of mining facility permits.

As way of background, Water Pollution Control Permits for mining operations are categorized by the specific type of operation and the capacity of the submitted facility designs. The current fee categories in the NAC's describe dewatering of a mine by the gallons of process water discharged or by the tonnage the mine facilities chemically process.

This proposed regulation changes the language from discharge of process water to discharge of dewatering water; it also clarifies the tonnage categories by the tonnage the facility is designed to process.

Additional supporting information for this proposed regulation is available on the SEC website at the following address:
http://www.sec.nv.gov/main/hearing_0906.htm

The point of contact at NDEP for this amended regulation is Mr. Mike Leigh, Bureau of Mining Regulations & Reclamation (687-9406).

Sincerely,

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